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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 17, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Applicants are requesting a three-month extension of time, which is concurrently filed with this response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on or before February 20, 2007 (February 17, 2007 falls on a Saturday and February 19, 2007 is a Federal holiday). Please consider the following amendments and response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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